

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 292

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kim Chapman on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Kim Chapman will be recognized as a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 28th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman is an anchor, writer, producer, and evening assignment manager at WTVC NewsChannel 9 and is a twenty-two-year veteran of the television industry; and

WHEREAS, as an individual with epilepsy, Kim Chapman realizes the challenges which face those who suffer seizure disorders and has dedicated her time and energy toward educating others. She has served on the Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee board of directors for ten years, during which time she has stood as vice president, and is a frequent guest speaker for the foundation's support groups and holds promotional responsibility for its annual Chocolate Fling fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman rendered sterling service as a member of the national board of directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of America, during which time she served as a host, speaker, and advocate for those with epilepsy during the foundation's national conferences; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, Kim Chapman is a member of the Kids on the Block board of directors, has engaged in fundraising efforts on behalf of The Southern Brewers Festival, and is a member of the Lady Shriners; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Chapman has championed numerous causes, including the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the MaryEllen Locher Foundation's Pink! fundraisers, the Chattanooga Catholic Schools and Charities fundraisers, the Everyday Heroes gala, and Chattanooga Cares, as well as participating in the annual telethon benefitting the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Kim Chapman's efforts have had great impact on the local, state, and national level, but her impact on the individual level is perhaps most impressive. After meeting Patrick Sharrock, who suffers from brittle bone disease, at an Alhambra Shrine fundraiser, Ms. Chapman successfully nominated his family for ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Kim Chapman takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Kim Chapman, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kim Chapman on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.